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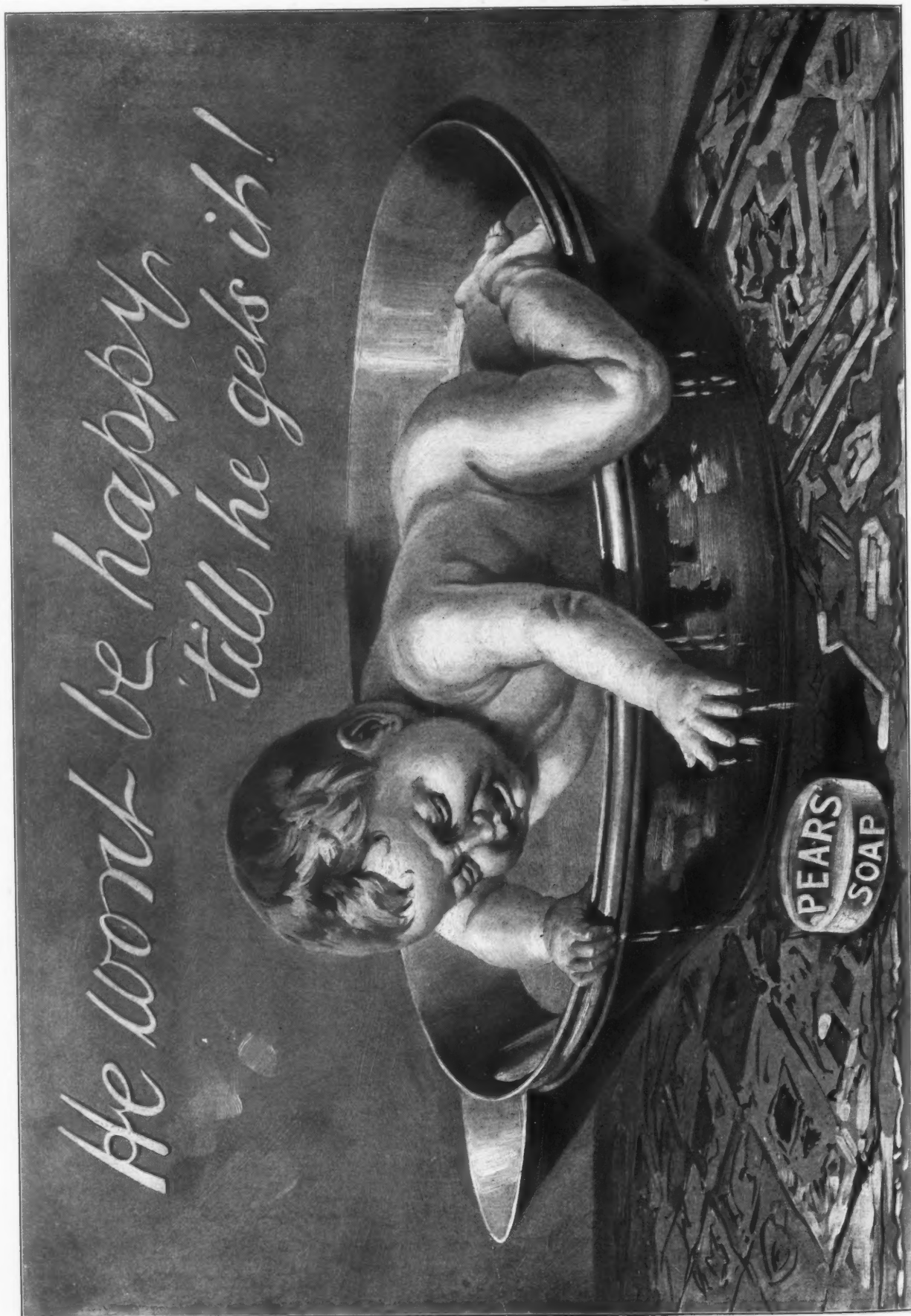
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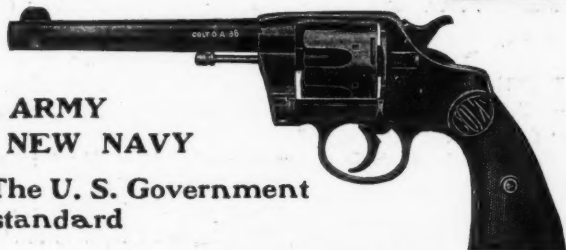
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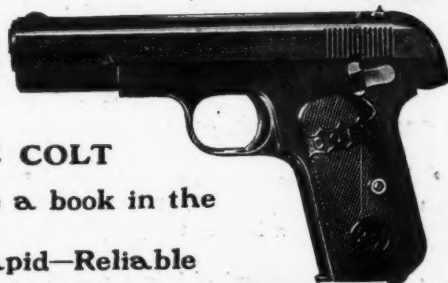
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Do you not suppose we women grow just a trifle weary of seeing ourselves peering out from under large pompadours with our monotonously level eyebrows raised adorably? Do you not suppose that we sicken when we read some cloying lines addressed to "Daphne," "Clotilde" and "Chloe"? Is there anything could so well wear out our vanity?

As for the important question of hat-lifting to the gentler sex, it has been considered a mere form of civility, a habit of the old school. If our men would, with as good a grace, yield us a seat in a crowded car, we would overlook the absence of mere form if the spirit were so well manifested.

Let us always do justice to our sisters on other portions of the globe, whose compatriots would be the last to suggest their inferiority. But let not our countrymen, cosmopolitan though they may be, for one minute suppose that their over-indulgent praise can harm us. Praise, when undeserved, can but make us more truly aware of our faults; when merited, more anxious to persevere in our virtues.

Keep on, LIFE, filling your pages with pretty faces and musical rhymes, but, oh, cosmopolitan readers, trust our easily turned heads, which should have performed a complete revolution by now, to keep firm before the light breezes of your flattery.

MONDAY, NOV. 14TH.

Another Cosmopolitan.

An Embarrassing Inquiry.

I DON'T see anything the matter with your elbow, Mr. Chaser," said Bobby, who had forgotten his mother's injunction to keep still at the dinner table.

"There isn't anything the matter with it, Bobby," innocently replied the guest. "What made you think there was?"

"Why, I heard papa say that you were a nice fellow, except that you crooked your elbow too much, but it looks all right to me."

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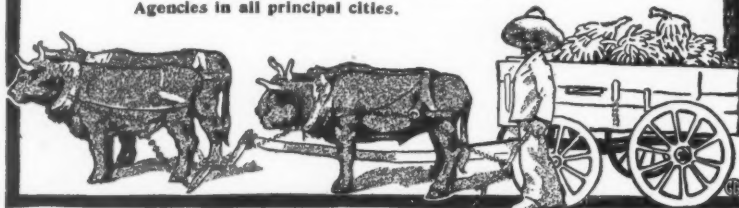
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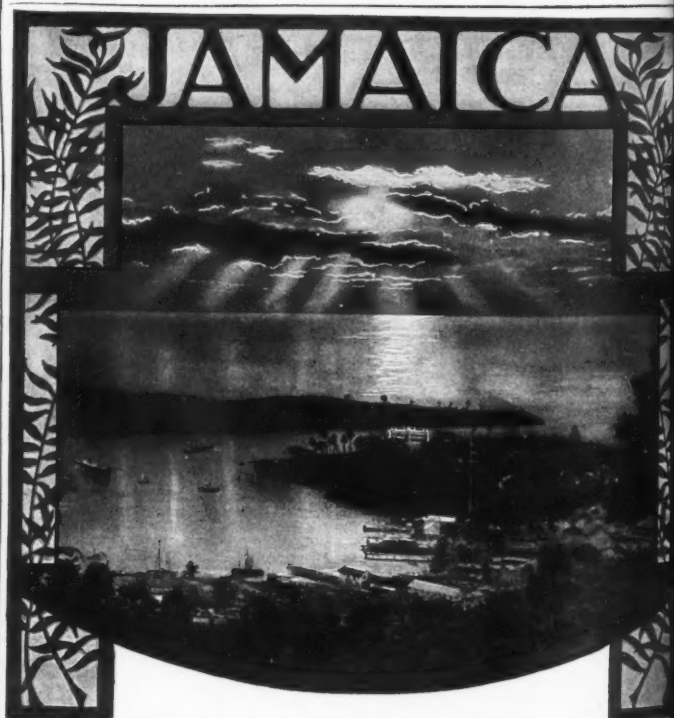
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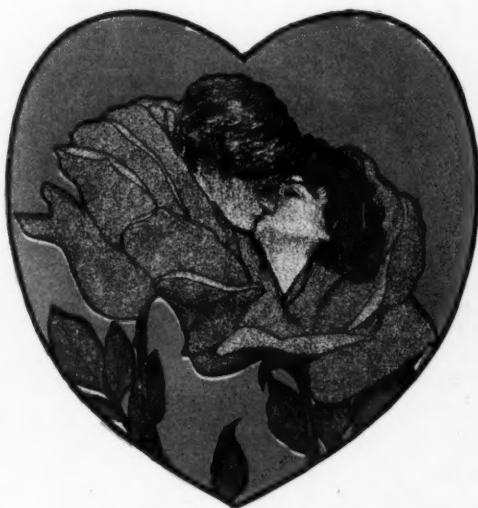
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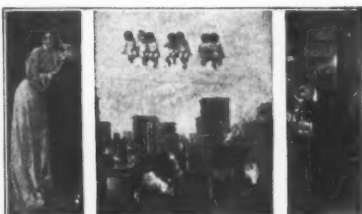
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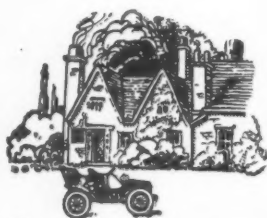
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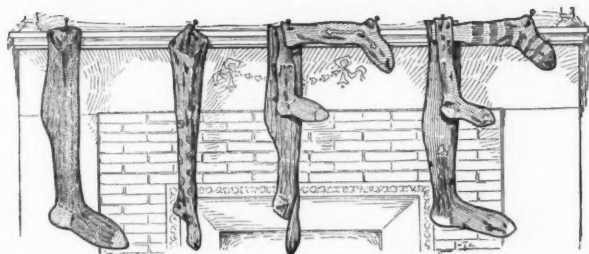
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A FALLING OUT.
WITH A HAPPY ENDING.

Santa Claus.

I USED to watch for Santa Claus
With childish faith sublime,
And listen in the snowy night
To hear his sleigh-bells chime.
Beside the door on Christmas Eve
I put a truss of hay
To feed the prancing, dancing steeds
That sped him on his way.

I pictured him a jolly man
With beard of frosty white,
And cheeks so fat, that, when he laughed,
They hid his eyes from sight;

A heart that overflowed with love
For little girls and boys,
And on his back a bulging pack,
Brimful of gorgeous toys.

If children of a larger growth
Could have a Christmas tree
From Father Time, one gift alone
Would be enough for me—
Let others take the gems and gold,
And trifles light and vain,
But give me back my old belief
In Santa Claus again!

Minna Irving.

Greeting.

BROTHER: LIFE salutes you!
Are you in sympathy with the
Christmas season?

If so, stay so. If not, get so. It is
important.

It is essential to any considerable
satisfaction with life that a man
should have some spiritual quality.
There must burn—or at least smoulder—in him some spark of preference
for truth; some prejudice, unsuborned,
in favor of righteousness. It is im-
possible to make life profitable on a
purely material basis.



A LOVING CUP.

An Appeal.



DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I never heard of you until this morning, when I met Lord Fauntleroy—the rich little-pug who lives on the Avenue, you know. He ran away from his nurse just for a lark, and we played mud-pies in a street puddle. He told me about the wonderful presents you brought him last Christmas—the pink and blue neck ribbons, the stunning leather collar studded with brass nails, the harness with tinkling bells, the rubber bouncing ball, and the toy mouse that ran the length of a string. Now, I'm only a yeller alley dog, lame in one leg, blind in one eye, and I'd never dream of asking for anything half so splendid as you gave Fauntleroy, but if you could bring me

a bone, it would be simply great! Fauntleroy says that you always put your presents into stockings; that Elizabeth Maud, the little girl he belongs to, loaned him one of hers Christmas eve, and they hung it up with his name printed on a slip of paper pinned to the heel. But you see I don't belong to anybody and can't borrow a stocking, so if you'll just drop my bone into an ash-barrel instead, I'll be much obliged—the barrel at the end of the alley is the easiest to knock over. I can think of nothing that I want except the bone—only, on Christmas day, if you'd put it into the heart of a passer-by—a man, a woman, or a little child—to stop just a moment, pat my head, and say "Doggie," soft and kind, you know, I'd 'preciate it down to the ground.

Truly yours,
A Yeller Alley Dog.

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LOVE WILL FIND A WAY.



A CHRISTMAS DECORATION.



SO SENSIBLE.

BE A SENSIBLE GIRL AND WEAR HEELS THAT ARE FLAT,
AND COMB BACK YOUR HAIR WITHOUT CURL.
IF YOU DON'T PULL YOUR WAIST IN OR GLANCE AT A MAN,
YOU'LL CONTINUE—A SENSIBLE GIRL!



NOT BAD TO TAKE.

IF THE GIRL THAT YOU'RE GONE ON FIGHTS SHY OF A KISS,
DON'T GRAB ONE AND RUN, OR YOU'LL RUE IT.
MARCH UP TO HER MOTHER AND GIVE HER A SMACK,
JUST TO SHOW HER HOW NICELY YOU DO IT!

In Doubt.

MOTHER: Well, Johnnie, what are you going to give your teacher for a Christmas present?

JOHNNIE: It is too soon to talk about that yet, mamma; it all depends on how she behaves herself between now and Christmas.

To Avoid Urdué Suffering.

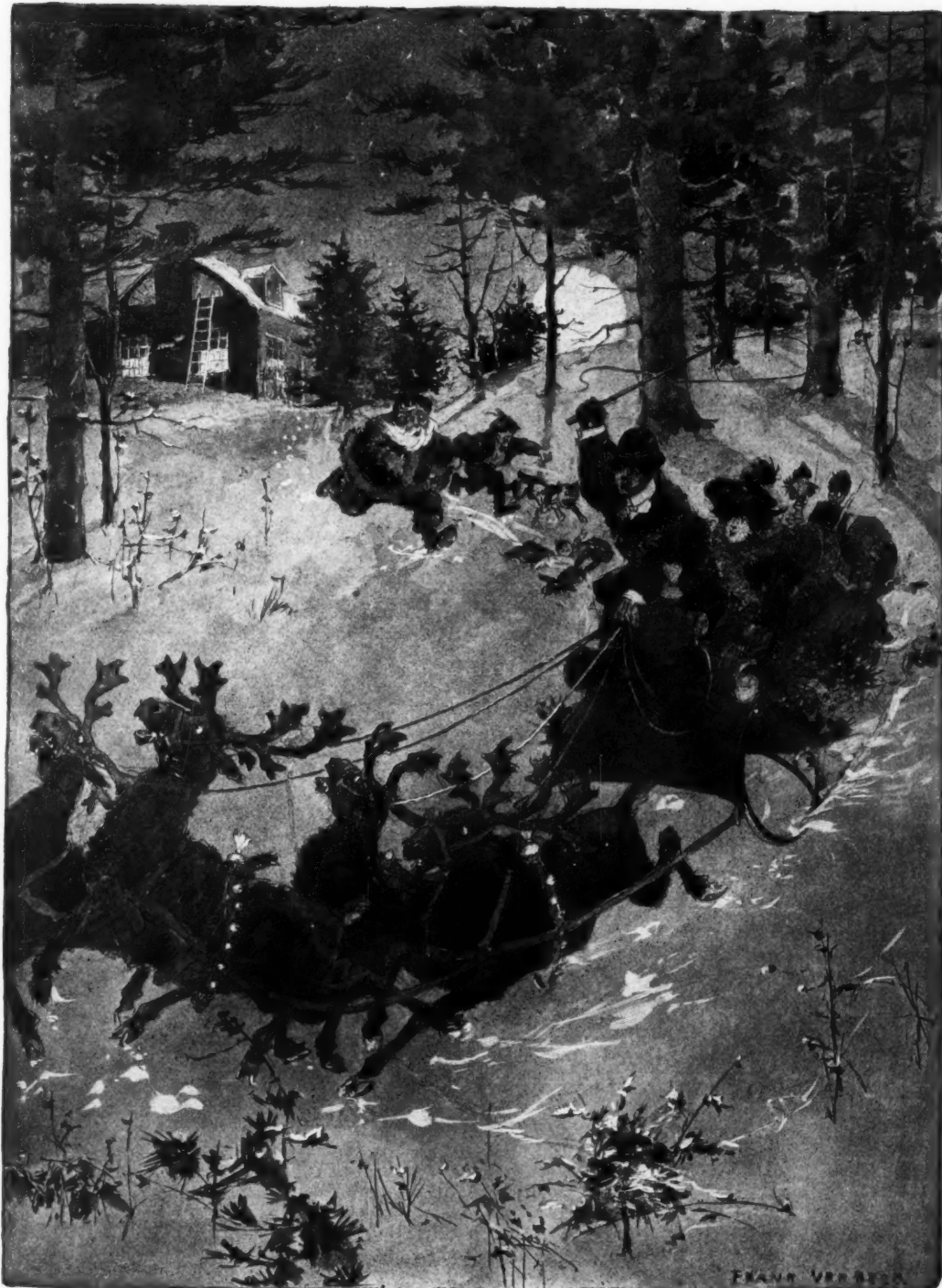
DOCTOR, will I suffer any?"

"Not a bit. We will put you under ether."

"Well, can't you do the same thing when you present your bill?"



MOTHS.



A CHRISTMAS ELOPEMENT.



A CORNER IN WOMEN.

McFERNON entered his office at 9:05. There was a heavy accumulation of mail on his desk.

"Robert," he said to the office boy, "tell Miss Jones to come in."

Robert returned from the outer office in a moment.

"Miss Jones hasn't got here yet, sir."

McFerson frowned. Miss Jones had never been late before.

"Very well. Go out and see if you can get Miss Peterson."

Robert came back in another moment.

"Miss Peterson is not here, sir."

McFerson stopped short with his letter-opener in his hand.

"What's the matter with this office force, anyhow?" he demanded. "These letters must be answered at once. If we don't get an early start we can't get through with them. Robert, you go downstairs in the main corridor and see if that young woman typewriter can come right up."

Robert shot through the door. In a few moments he returned again. His face betrayed anxiety.

"Not there, sir."

McFerson began to pace the floor. He was irritated beyond measure.

"Confound these girls!" he exclaimed. "I'll fire the whole lot of them. Let's see! There's a typewriter agency in the next street. I'll tell 'em to send over somebody."

He studied the telephone book for a moment, and then took down the receiver.

No answer.

McFerson juggled the thing up and down. He waited—and waited—his face betraying more impatience every minute.

"Hello!" at last came over the wire—in a man's voice.

"Hello!" roared McFerson. "What's the matter with you people, anyway? Never saw such service."

"We're short-handed," was the reply. "Not a girl has shown up. I'm the chief operator."

"Not a girl showed up!" replied McFerson. "Well, that's my trouble. What's the matter with all the girls this morning, I wonder?" He asked for his number, and after another long wait—again the man's voice:

"Don't answer."

McFerson put down the receiver with a bang. He began to walk the floor. At this moment Spinnerton, the lawyer, whose office was across the way, came in. His face was pale.

"Old man," he said, "I'm in the deuce of a fix."

"What's the trouble?"

"My wife's disappeared."

"Disappeared!"

"Yes—vanished during the night. Can't find her anywhere. I'm about crazy."

He caught McFerson by the arm and drew him to the window—a window that overlooked Broadway.

"Look!" he exclaimed, "there's something mysterious in the air."

They gazed down on the crowded street. Groups of men were gathered together on the corners. Some were gesticulating wildly.

Moved by a common impulse, McFerson and Spinnerton made their way silently down into the street.

"Has it occurred to you," said Spinnerton, hoarsely, "that you haven't seen a woman this morning?"

"No," said McFerson, "not until you spoke. By Jove, I haven't."

They hurried down Broadway. There was a suppressed air of excitement. Snatches of exclamations came to them on every side. "Wife gone." "Girls disappeared." "Where's my mother?"

They accosted a stranger, who was holding a baby in his arms.

"What's the matter this morning?" asked McFerson

"So far as can be ascertained," replied the man, "all the women in New York have disappeared. It's a nice situation, isn't it? Christmas season just coming on, and nobody here to see it through. I'm the father of ten children." He hurried along.

McFerson and Spinnerton took their station in front of a ferry house. They waited while the streams of people passed out.

All men—not a woman among them.

Suddenly they heard a boy calling "Extra!" With feverish eagerness they bought the paper and read as follows:

**NO WOMEN LEFT!
NEW YORK SUDDENLY DESERTED BY ITS FEMALE POPULATION. SECRET TRUST AT WORK. A DESPERATE SITUATION.**

Early this morning this great city suddenly rose to the consciousness that all of its women have mysteriously disappeared. Inquiry at the hotels, many private houses, transportation offices and other centres developed the fact that during the night every woman in New York was transported out of town by a mysterious agency—the head of which is suspected, but not yet known.

At the railroad stations in Jersey City and Weehawken, and at the Grand Central, where reporters have been stationed since the alarm went out, it was ascertained that no woman of any description was allowed to enter the city, all the incoming trains being carefully searched. The railroad officials are silent. It is evident that they are in the power of an individual who at the present moment is holding this city in a fierce thralldom.

There will be a citizens' meeting at noon in Madison Square.

At the perusal of this intelligence the two men looked at each other in consternation.

"I guess there cannot be any doubt," said McFerson, "who is responsible for this horrible state of affairs. It must be Morgfeller. Everybody knows that he has been the most powerful force in this republic for a long time, but no one would dream that he has dared to do so much, and apparently he has hit upon the Christmas shopping season—just when the women are the most important factors—to strike his deadly blow."

Morgfeller was the recognized head of the financial world. It was openly known that he controlled all the railroads, which had recently, under his silent manipulation, been combined into one vast system. It was also known that the banks had yielded to his power and that the entire circulation of the country was at his mercy. Rumors had been floating around that he had also got control of the legislatures, and was the secret power behind the throne at Washington.



"Before."

"The man must be mad," cried Spinnerton. "Why, his life won't be safe a moment. If I can get my hands on him, I'll tear him limb from limb."

He staggered back in the excess of his emotion.

McFerson, who was a bachelor, supported him.

"Cheer up, old man," he cried. "This can't last. It is only some joke. Let us go to the citizens' meeting."

The two men hurried to Madison Square.

A vast concourse of citizens had already assembled.

On a temporary stand, erected just east of the fountain, a man was addressing the multitude.

McFerson and Spinnerton recognized him at once as a former Mayor, one whose utterances had always been tinged with Socialism, and yet a man who had invariably commanded the respect of the community.

"Fellow-citizens," he exclaimed, as they pushed their way near to him, "this city at the present moment is under the absolute dominion of one

man. Our wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts have been taken away from us in a twinkling, and apparently we are powerless. An appeal has been made to Washington, and what is the reply?"

He took from his pocket a paper that he waved wildly in the air.

"This is what we hear from our President in response to our call for help. He says: (reading)

"To the Citizens of New York:

"I cannot help you. I am only the President of the United States."

"Think of this, fellow-citizens! Think of how low we have fallen, when we have permitted ourselves to drop into the hands of a man like Morgfeller."

At the mention of this dread name, shouts and hisses were heard on all sides. Cries of "Where is he?" "We'll make short work of him!" "Death to Morgfeller!" rent the air as the vast crowd, swayed by the most intense excitement, surged to and fro.

The speaker paused, and waited until a measure of quiet had been restored. Then he lifted his hand as if pronouncing a benediction and his voice lowered perceptibly.

"Fellow-citizens," he said, impressively, "you have called upon me to



"After."



"A man who had had the hardihood to wear a white shirt."

give you counsel, and as Chairman of the Committee on the Reinstatement of Our Women, which has just been organized, I trust you will listen to my words.

"First, then, I counsel patience. Mr. Morgfeller, it was ascertained this morning, has left town and is now at one of his numerous country-seats.

"But our time is coming. While we cannot reach him now, he was heard to boast that he or his representative would return in three days' time.

"Let us, therefore, wait. Once let us get him in our grasp, we will make him give back to us those so near and dear, and he shall pay the penalty of this arrogance.

"Why this man dares to taunt us, I do not know. He is doubtless drunk with power, and imagines his person is sacred, but though he be surrounded with an army, I feel sure that the citizens of New York will seek their just revenge upon him.

"But until he comes, fellow-citizens, let us have Patience! Patience!"

The crowd spread in all directions, seething up and down Broadway in a vast mass of emotion.

McFerson, half leading, half supporting his stricken friend, led him away to his home.

Three days later McFerson sat in his office writing letters in long hand.

Spinnerton came in. He was heavy-eyed and hollow. He looked disreputable. His hair hadn't been brushed. He wore no collar. His shoes had not been shined.

"Any news?"

"None. The mails come and go, but no one is allowed to leave New York. I have ascertained that my wife is safe, but that is all."

McFerson pointed to a half-empty whisky bottle.

"Have a swig?" he asked.

"Don't mind if I do," replied Spinnerton.

"Here's a glass."

"I don't want a glass. Who cares?"

He drank out of the bottle.

McFerson got up.

"I'll be hanged if I can do any work," he exclaimed. "I never knew before how important these girls were."

"Well, I don't know," said Spinnerton. "There's no

need of it, anyway. Since my wife has been away I haven't had to pay any bills, and it costs me scarcely anything to live. I guess," he added, with a smile, "that there won't be many Christmas presents this year, either."

"Let's go uptown."

The two men left the office building and got on a Broadway car.

The motorman and conductor were each smoking a corn-cob pipe. Inside the car were about twenty men. The air was full of smoke. Some wore sweaters, some flannel shirts, open at the front. Not a man had on a white collar. As they went along, they noticed that half the shops were closed.

A prominent haberdasher sat in his window playing poker with four friends.

The proprietor of a ladies' tailoring establishment dozed in his chair, still clad in the pajamas he had slept in. A general air of demoralization prevailed.

The two men got out at Thirty-fourth Street and went into the Waldorf. Some kind of a fight was in progress here. A man who had had the hardihood to wear a white shirt was being mobbed. His shirt was torn off his back. Screams of coarse laughter, oaths and shouts were heard on every side. The whole place was filled with a dense cloud of tobacco smoke.

"What's going to be the end of this horrible business?" asked McFerson.

"I'll be hanged if I know," said Spinnerton.

"Here, boy, a paper."

The two friends read as follows:

MORGFELLER COMING!

WILL STEP FROM HIS PRIVATE CAR IN THE GRAND CENTRAL STATION AT NOON. OPINIONS DIVIDED AS TO HIS RECEPTION.

McFerson read no more, but grabbed his companion by the arm.

"Come," he cried. "Let's join the crowd. Let's get after Morgfeller. Why, we'll lynch him! We'll burn him alive! Come!"

But Spinnerton drew back. It was evident that he was embarrassed.

"To be candid with you," he said, "I'm not quite so keen about Morgfeller as I was."

"What do you mean? Do you mean to say that you approve of what he has done?"

Spinnerton was silent. McFerson looked at him scornfully.

"Here!" he said, "I'm a bachelor, and you a married man. I ought to be the one to submit instead of you. But I can't say that this state of things appeals to me. In fact, it's getting on my nerves. I'm used to living in a decent manner. Why, hang it, man, I have to make my own bed. And who can I get to do my washing? I'm used to living halfway trim, but since the women have all left us, nobody seems to care. Everything is at sixes and sevens. I'm for hanging Morgfeller to the nearest lamp-post."

Spinnerton smiled feebly.

"I can't say that I feel the same as that," he said. "It was a terrible shock to me at first, I'll admit. But there are benefits arising from this situation that I never realized before. In the first place, there's an absolute freedom. I can do as I please in my own house. I've got a man to cook my meals and tidy up a bit, and I treat him just the way I treat anybody I employ. Before I was under the dominion of a female in the kitchen. That is, my wife was, and she controlled me, so it amounted to the same thing. Now I can do anything I want to do. I can smoke all over the house, and drink and swear, and wear the first thing that comes handy. But, better than all, there's no worry. I don't have to be dragged off to the opera. There are no more dinners to attend. I'm not bothered with dressmakers or florists, and all this social rigmarole has vanished like magic. Why, simply to get rid of all this Christmas shopping is everything. To be honest with you, my friend, it's a mighty relief."

The two men looked at each other.

They recognized that for each of them it was a critical moment. Unconsciously they had epitomized the situation. They belonged to two opposing parties.

And this evidently was what Morgfeller had counted on.

"Well," said McFerson, "as I understand it, I want the women back and you don't."

He waved his arm around the corridor of the hotel. The news of the coming of the financial king seemed to have crystallized matters at once. Almost unconsciously all the men present had drawn themselves into two groups. It was evidently going to be a fight to the death.

"You see," he continued, "how the land lies. So let us be neutral. Let us pair off."

"Agreed," said Spinnerton, and they made their way uptown toward the Grand Central.

Crowds of citizens were thronging thitherward from all directions. And everywhere they were falling, instinctively, naturally, into two groups.

These groups soon began to be distinguished by cries of their own and by emblems and banners hastily devised.

One banner, surrounded by a group of determined and sad-eyed old graybeards, not one of them under 70, read:

DOWN WITH MORGFELLER!

GIVE US BACK OUR SWEETHEARTS!

Another banner, enthusiastically followed by a long line of benedicts, read:

WHO'S ALL RIGHT?

MORGFELLER!

NO MORE DRESSMAKERS' BILLS TO PAY!

TO HELL WITH REFINEMENT!

As the two men approached the scene of the expected arrival, the throng became more dense, and their progress was constantly impeded by groups of individuals varying in size, who listened with shouts of enthusiasm to orators improvised from their own ranks.

On the corner of Broadway and Thirty-seventh Street, a fashionable physician was addressing his fellows.

"Gentlemen," he exclaimed, "it is needless to remind you how critical is this terrible situation. In the last few days my own income has dwindled to almost nothing. Unless we have the women to support us, our very existence as a profession will be threatened. My instruments are becoming rusty from disuse. Let us, therefore, organize and march upon this fell destroyer of our rights and privileges!"

On the next corner a small, nervous and radiant-faced little man was holding forth from the rear end of an automobile to a large and enthusiastic gathering.

"Fellow-citizens in newly-found freedom," he cried, "I haven't known what it means to kick up my heels now for twelve long years, since I was led as a sacrifice to the altar. And now, having got a taste of liberty, shall we relinquish it?" (Cries of "Never! Never!") "No! we shall keep what we have gained. This great city will soon, under this great reform administration, be the stamping-ground of all the real dead-game sports in the world, who are tired of being led around by the ears. Gentlemen, up to three days ago I didn't dare say that my soul was my own. Now, thanks to Morgfeller, I can raise the devil every hour of the day and night.

"But, brothers, we must get together. We have strong opposition. All the tradespeople are against us. Every jeweler, every tailor, every caterer, every doctor, is against us. But we belong to the great silent majority, and with Morgfeller on our side we will win!"

As the two men passed on by the Metropolitan Opera House, Spinnerton, inflamed by the last utterance, but still preserving his neutrality, could not help but triumphantly refer McFerson to the legend that hung on its doors:

GRAND OPERA SUSPENDED.

THIS HOUSE WILL HEREAFTER BE A FIRST-CLASS VAUDEVILLE.

ALL THE LATEST STORIES!

SMOKING, DRINKING AND HIGH JINKS.

"I must confess," said McFerson, "that this is a pleasant change. But let us move along."

As they approached the station they became conscious that something startling had happened. Cries of rage and disappointment were heard on all sides. It was ten minutes past the time when the great man was expected.

The train had come in, and he was not in it.

In his place he had sent his private secretary.

As the news spread along the





"Gentlemen, allow me to introduce to you Bridget Murphy."

line, howls of fury rent the air. Could it be that Morgfeller was afraid? His adherents, lined up on one side, scorned the idea. His enemies, lined up on the other side, jeered in derision.

Suddenly there was a vast shout. The two friends, looking down the line, saw a startling sight. An open victoria flanked by a company of soldiers was coming. In the victoria were two figures—a man and a woman!

The man, as became immediately evident, was the private secretary. The woman was about fifty. Her face, unmistakably Celtic, was wrinkled with innumerable lines. She was gaunt, raw-boned, ugly.

What could it mean?

It became evident, however, that Morgfeller had plans of his own, which the man whom he had chosen to represent him was amply empowered to carry out.

That individual, as the victoria arrived at the intersection of Broadway and Forty-second Street, motioned to the driver to stop. Then he arose and addressed the multitude. He was faultlessly groomed, in a silk hat and frock coat, and presented a strange contrast to his unkempt audience.

"Gentlemen," he said, waving his hand in the direction of his companion, "allow me to introduce to you Bridget Murphy. I am taking her down to the Stock Exchange, where she will be duly listed. Every man in this city will have an opportunity to bid upon her services."

The carriage moved on again amid a dense uproar.

"So," said McFerson, "this is Morgfeller's game. He is certainly a master hand at finance. He has shrewdly played upon one of the most powerful forces in human nature, by creating a division among all men themselves. If it were not for fellows like you, he wouldn't live a moment. But through you he has succeeded in making a division of public opinion, while he reaps the profit."

"That's only partially true," retorted Spinnerton, warmly. "Don't blame me, or men like me. The fault lies with the women. They are, as usual, at the bottom of the case. The fact is, they have been overrunning the whole place. And we chaps with our noses to the grindstone so long cannot but welcome a benefactor like Morgfeller. Women have made slaves of us, and he comes as a liberator, and he's entitled to make money out of this deal. But I warn him in advance that if he permits things to lapse

back into their old state, he'll get himself into trouble. A few women here and there in their proper places are all right, but we've had a taste of Freedom, and he'd better be careful."

The next day Bridget Murphy stock rose on the Exchange to enormous figures, but finally she was knocked down to one of the wealthiest bachelors in town for one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Several attempts were made on the private secretary's life, but owing to the marvelous vigilance of the married men, he escaped unhurt.

The day following, Maggie McCarthy was ushered in amid the wildest enthusiasm. The market rose and fell with feverish excitement. Puts and calls on future arrivals became rampant. Two typewriters came next, followed by three old maids who had lived in Harlem.

The market fell. Then no more arrivals for twenty-four hours caused it to rise again with a bound.

Morgfeller's profits were enormous.

Every day he endowed some new university, and had a lot left over.

One morning, at the end of a week, McFerson came down to the office with smiling face.

Robert, the office boy, was lolling in a chair smoking a cigarette. He looked up in surprise as he beheld McFerson in a brand-new suit and boiled shirt.

"Young man," said McFerson, sternly, "throw that away. Haven't you heard the news? Miss Jones and Miss Peterson are both back and will be here in a moment. They cost me ten thousand dollars, but it was worth it. I'm so glad to get them back that I don't begrudge Morgfeller a cent."

Robert sped out to buy him a paper collar, and McFerson went out in the hall, where he ran up against Spinnerton.

That gentleman had a solemn air.

"Have you heard the news?" he asked anxiously.

"No. Is it bad?"

"Well, I should say so. Morgfeller is beginning to send the married women back in small lots. The first delegation will arrive to-day. This thing has gone far enough. He's a traitor."

McFerson frowned.

"On the contrary," he replied severely, "I regard him as being the greatest benefactor this country has ever had. He has made money by the operation, but he deserves it. For he has taught us all how valuable women are."

Spinnerton glared.

"Nonsense!" he replied. "He had the greatest idea of the century. Why, with one stroke he solved all the problems of the age. Once get rid of all the women, and life is a cinch. No bills to pay! No absurd conventionalities! No slavery!"

And then suddenly, as the two men looked at each other, they realized that, while they were still bitterly opposed, their respective positions were reversed from what they had been.

Each belonged to a party, but it was the same party that a week before the other had belonged to. There could be

no doubt that Morgfeller was clever. For the balance of public opinion for and against him was still so nicely adjusted as to insure his safety.

So earnest had been their talk that the two friends did not realize, until they looked up, that they had walked out on Broadway. Then they became aware that even in the midst of so much that was unusual that had recently taken place, some extraordinary event was in progress.

A procession was coming in the near distance.

It consisted of a long line of carriages, and each carriage was filled with women.

Spinnerton turned pale.

"Great Scott!" he ejaculated, lapsing unconsciously into an expletive that he was in the habit of using before the exodus. "Is the corner broken? Are they *all* coming back?"

Even at this moment a handkerchief was fluttered at him from a carriage that was passing. He sprang forward. "Darling!" said a voice. "Don't you know me?"

Spinnerton leaned over the carriage and clasped his wife in his arms.

"Of course I know you," he said. "Come! Get out and come home."

His arm was touched by an official—one of Morgfeller's former office boys who had risen to the rank of captain.

"Your wife will be delivered to you in good time, sir, on payment of the merely nominal fee of five thousand dollars. In the meantime, don't block up the way."

Spinnerton turned back to McFerson, who had just finished reading the leading article in an afternoon paper.

"You see," he said sadly, "how it is. It's a case of tribute. Morgfeller makes millions, and we pay for it. Nothing gained! Things are going to be the same as before."

But McFerson smiled back a smile of superior knowledge, born of a more recent acquisition of facts, now so well known as to be commonplace.

"My boy," he replied, "you're wrong. Out of every great social upheaval such as we have been through is bound to come good. Morgfeller is but an instrument in the hands of Providence. Read this and rejoice."

And Spinnerton, transfigured, read as follows:

COMPROMISE!

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE COMPLETES ITS LABORS.

THE PRO-FEMALES AND THE ANTIS COME TO TERMS.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE NEW REGIME.

Mr. Morgfeller has builded better than he knew. When, without the slightest warning, he succeeded, by means of the vast machinery at his disposal, in quietly extracting all the female population from the Metropolis, he wisely counted, for his own ultimate safety, on a division of public opinion.

And when, there having been set up in the Pro-Female party the most unheard-of demand for women that has ever been known, and he began to introduce them gradually back again, his wonderful shrewdness was again manifested.

For again there was division on the same ques-

tion. A howl of protest against him went up from the very ones who had so ardently supported him.

On the other hand, those who had been his most severe critics now began to favor this reinstatement of women. Thus the tables were neatly turned by one of the greatest minds of the century.

Yesterday morning it became apparent that a tremendous fight was in progress. All the married men rose up as a solid phalanx. They had gotten a taste of power, and preferred to make the most of it. On the other side were a large army of bachelors, tradespeople and octogenarians.

An arbitration committee, composed of leading citizens of both parties, was at last formed, and after a stormy session they arrived at the following compromise, a perusal of which will reveal the fact that a new era has dawned on the greatest metropolis of the modern world.

Resolved, That women shall be reinstated again under the following conditions:

The fashions will change only every four years. Any dressmaker caught wheedling a woman into buying something she cannot afford will be exiled at once.

A fixed scale of prices for all milliners, no hat or bonnet to be over five dollars.

No woman will be allowed to shop more than one hour a week.

Husbands will be allowed to smoke anywhere.

Afternoon teas, wedding receptions, authors' readings, women's clubs abolished.

Any foreign nobleman caught within the city limits will be promptly shot.

No more horse shows.

Grand opera removed to Albany.

Any husband reporting that his wife has lectured him for being out late will send his name and address to the Satisfaction Committee, who will take the matter in hand.

Hereafter, all women will have to stay home in summer, while their husbands go on a vacation.

Any woman caught attempting to drag her husband out to a social function that he doesn't want to go to, will be punished to the full extent of the law.

Spinnerton grasped his friend solemnly by the hand. "Long live Morgfeller!" he exclaimed.

Tom Masson.



"A Generous Giver."

THE subject of Christmas presents was under discussion. It cast a gloom upon the party, because the time was approaching when none could hope to escape these tokens of regard. Their peculiar undesirability, the elaborate and ingenious character of their inaptitude, were frankly and fairly admitted. The only mystery about them was the principle which prompted their selection—since selected they all are by somebody—and this dark problem was suddenly flooded with light when a philanthropic lady remarked that she always purchased her presents at fairs. She said she knew they were useless, and that nobody wanted them, but that she considered it her duty to help the fairs. She had the air of one conscious of well-doing, and sure of a heavenly reward. It never seemed to occur to her that the reward ought to be passed on with the purchases. The necessities of churches and charitable organizations called for some sacrifice, and, like the patriot

who sent his wife's relatives to the war, she benevolently offered up her friends.

A great deal of ingenuity is wasted every year in the construction of things that cumber life. The civilized world is so full of these objects that we sometimes envy the savage who wears all his simple wardrobe without being covered, and sees all his simple possessions in a corner of his empty hut. What pleasant spaces must meet the savage eye! What admirable vacancies must soothe the savage-soul! No embroidered bag is needed to hold his sponge and wash-rag. No painted box is destined for his postal cards. No decorated tablet waits for his washing lists. No ornate wall-pocket yawns for his unpaid bills. He smokes without cigarette-cases. He dances without cotillion favors. He enjoys all reasonable diversions, unencumbered by the superfluities with which we have weighted them. Life is endurable to him, even with its pleasures thrown in.

Above all, he does not undermine his own character by vicarious benevolence, by helping the needy at his

friends' expense. The great principle of giving away what one does not want is probably as familiar to the savage as to his civilized or semicivilized brother. That vivacious traveler, Père Huc, tells us he has seen a Tartar chief solemnly hand over to an underling a piece of gristle he found himself unable to masticate, and that the gift was received with every semblance of gratitude and delight. But there is a simple straightforwardness about an act like this which commends it to our souls. The Tartar did not veil his motives. He did not assume the gristle to be palatable. He did not expand with fine emotions when he parted from it. And he did not expect the heavens to smile upon his deed.

Agnes Repplier.

A Good Resolve.

THE PESSIMIST: What is the use of struggling. We are all destined to meet our Waterloo some day.

THE OPTIMIST: When I meet my Waterloo, my name is going to be Wellington.



LOVERS.

The Heart of Woman.



FAIR young wife asked her husband what he desired above all else for a Christmas present.

The husband, being an astute and cautious man, thought deeply.

What could he suggest which she would deem worthy of her bestowal, and which should yet be of a minimum cost? Inspiration came

"I would suggest," said the dress-maker, "a gown of aubergine velvet with café au lait lace and touches of vanilla satin. I should combine the 1830 and Directoire modes with an inclination toward the Mousquetaire. Here is a sweet model I have just brought over."

"Lovely!" cried the fair young wife. "Make me one just like it and send the bill to my husband."

"Of course not. Send the bill to my husband."

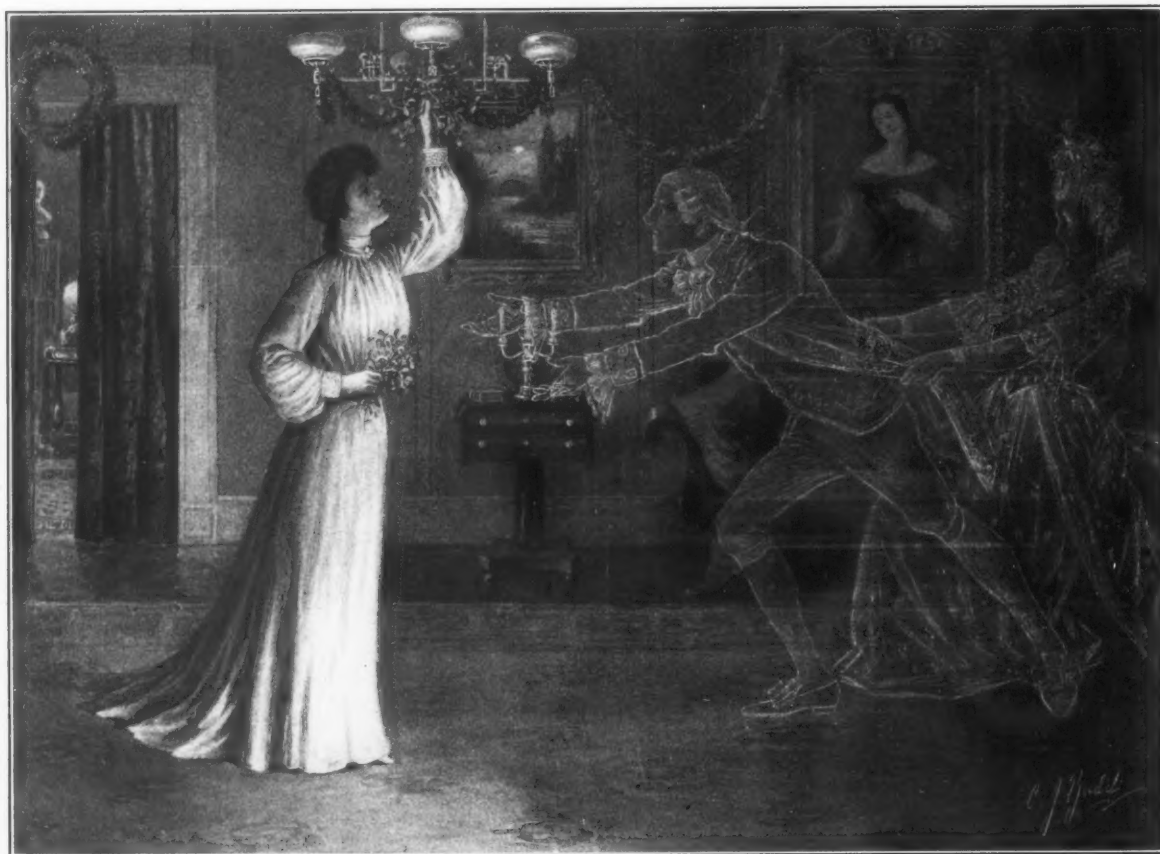
Then she went to a furrier.

"I want some picturesque-looking furs with one of the enormous muffs."

The furrier bowed. "This sable set is one of the best things we have. It is worth a king's ransom."

"That will do," murmured the wife. "Send the bill to my husband."

When she finally obtained an audi-



UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.

"A new photograph of yourself, darling."

"Just the thing," replied the wife. "But please forget that you have suggested it, for I wish my gift to be a real surprise."

"No photograph can begin to portray your loveliness," he said fondly.

"This one shall," she replied with emphasis. Then she hastened to a great modiste and explained her errand.

She next sought her milliner. "I wish," she said, "a stunning picture hat in which to have my photograph taken."

"Here is a fascinating thing in the sunset-blend hues," responded the milliner. "It is made up in periwinkle, havana, and copper-tawny velvets on a Romney shape with the Gainsborough sweep. Ah—! Madame is too beautiful for words in it. She cannot afford not to take it."

ence with the great portrait photographer, he was inclined to be a little difficult. "Of course," he said languidly, "there are only a few people I will take; but there is something in your face, a subtle hint of—an indefinable suggestion of—an er—er—Yes, I will take your photograph."

"Your price will not be over five hundred dollars?" she asked diffidently.

"For a dozen, no," he replied coldly.



CHRISTMAS EVE AT OUR POST.

GENERAL CORBIN SAYS THE ARMY IS BEING OVERMARRIED.

"Very well; make it two dozen, and—and send the bill to my husband."

Soon after the advent of the glad New Year, the husband sat in his office gazing admiringly at the new photograph in his watch and chuckling to himself over his successful ruse, when a sheaf of bills was brought to him.

As he opened one after another, he trembled with a strong emotion and his face grew ashen white.

"Fool!" he cried, beating his breast; "fool! And I thought myself clever! Had I known aught of the heart of woman, I should have begged her to buy me some little thing out of her allowance, and she would have purchased a solid gold inkstand set with rubies at the Ten-Cent store and presented it to me in a Tiffany box."

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.

PERSONAL: Will the nice-looking old gentleman with white beard, who called himself Santa Claus, and whom I saw yesterday in a department store, meet me Christmas morning at 4 A. M. sharp, in my chimney corner? Address

WILLIE B., care of LIFE.

Early Rising.

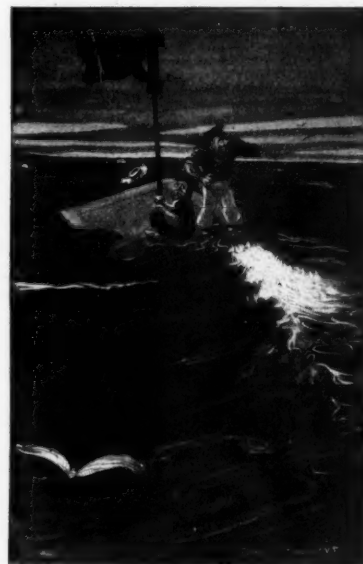
EARLY rising has been generally extolled from time immemorial by the majority, and a few foolish ones have actually practised it.

When the first faint flush of dawn is beginning to tint the eastern sky, it is said to be a grand and glorious thing to get up out of bed and sally forth to see the sun rise and to drink in all that peculiar freshness of Nature that can only be enjoyed at this time of day. In order not to miss anything, one should walk to the brow of some distant hill two or three miles away, where a panorama of unsurpassed loveliness unfolds itself on every hand.

The feelings one has on this occasion are better imagined than described, which is an expression original with us—copyright applied for. This feeling lasts up to ten or eleven o'clock, when we begin to slow down a little, and are conscious that our knees are weaker than we ever knew. At noon we have a slight pain in the back of the neck. At two P. M. we lapse into a state of coma, and at five we feel as if our spine had been removed and all hope was lost.

We have tried several ways of rising early, but the one that appeals to us most is to get up about five in the morning, shut all the

blinds, and slip noiselessly and unremorselessly back into bed.



"WHAT ARRE YO' GOIN' TO DO, PAT?"

"SHURE, I'M GOIN' TO SWIM ASHORE AN' SAVE MESELF, AND THIN SWIM BACK AN' SAVE YOU."

The Home-Coming of Mother Goose.



HEY were nice geese, the Downs, a happy, well-spoken-of family. Of course, you will say: "But they're only geese, so why talk about them?"

Never you mind, smarty; there are geese and geese.

There was Grandmother Down, as nice an old lady as you ever saw—a comfortable, stout, lovable person who always wore caps. She was a bit short of head feathers, so she wore wigs. An ordinary wig for week-days and a quite gorgeous affair for Sundays. This one was invariably crowned with her best real-lace cap with the lavender ribbons. She had put it on to-night. It was a very special occasion. To begin with, her daughter-in-law was coming home, and for another thing, it was Christmas eve.

As fond as she was of the children—four of them—Ida Down, Tumble Down, and the twin babies, Goliath and Hannibal—the strain on the old lady had been great, as she had to look after them in the absence of their mother. Of course, there was Portia, the cook, who dressed the twins and gave them their baths in the pond, but she was rather a stupid goose, after all.

Ida and Tumble were a little greedy, and the old lady had frequently to plant her old yellow foot on the breakfast worm to save enough for the poor twins, or goodness knows how they would have gotten anything to eat at all. Mr. Down, the father, was away all day hunting, *he* said; but the old lady didn't swallow that! "More likely you were loafing at that good-for-nothing quill club, or getting in the way of automobiles. I'll warrant along with that idle crowd of those friends of yours! You'll toe the mark right enough when Mabel gets back—you're the kind of a gander that needs a little goosepecking to keep you

in trim! I tell you that flat-footed, my son!"

He waddled off into the dining-room with an independent hiss, and poured himself out two claws of Old Crow.

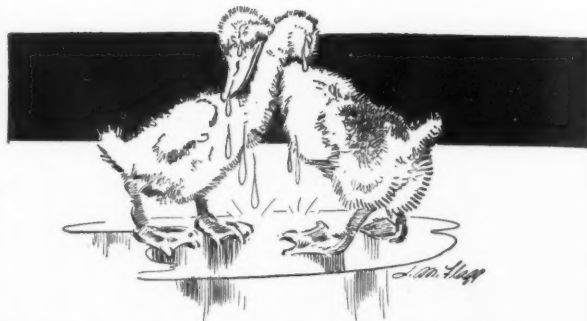
When the evening meal was over and the family had gathered in the library by the open fire, the postman's whistle was heard in the yard, and Ida went to the door. She brought back a letter. "It's for you, dad!" she said. "From mother, I think; it looks like her claw."

Mr. Down was really very fond of his wife, and had been quite unlike himself since she went away a month or more ago. He broke the envelope and eagerly read: "My Dearest Husband: When you get this I shall already be on my way to you. It is more than thirty days and nights since I left you all, and you may believe I shall be glad to get back and see my little family once more. I have added flesh since I have been away. They were very kind to me, and I have been living on the fat of the land, old chap; so you may not have room for me.

"You will laugh, as I have, when I tell you about a foolish dream I have had for three nights running, now—all about sage and onions. Did you ever hear of such silliness? It haunted me for some unknown reason, but, of course, it's rubbish. Put a lamp in the window as a welcome to me, and about eight o'clock I will be home for Christmas.

"Your loving wife,
"Mabel."

The children were frantic with delight at the



news of mother's return, and grandmother and the father were no less delighted. A lamp was put on the window-sill and the shade pulled up. It was snowing. Ida and Tumble got out their stockings, and the twin goslings scampered about madly, trying to find their little socks.

"Oh, I wish I was a stork!" cried Tumble.

"For the land's sake, why?" asked his father.

"Think of what a long stocking I would have!" said the youth, and they all laughed and busied themselves in the preparation for Santa Claus and their mother.

When the stockings were hung by the fireplace, they all sat watching the minute-hand creep slowly up as it neared eight o'clock, and as the clock began striking a knock was heard on



"A huge hand came down."



A COQUETTE'S CHRISTMAS DREAM.

the door, and the children flew to let their mother in.

It was Mother Goose beaming all over and hugging her children to her snowy breast. "It's Christmas eve, and I'm home again!" said the happy goose, as the little twins snuggled up to her. "Close the door, Tumble," said Mr. Goose, smiling fondly at his good wife. "Don't you see how the snow is coming in?"

It was too late. As Tumble tried to close it a huge hand came down—a clutching hand—into the warm room, and seizing Mother Goose around her soft white neck, lifted her out of the house back into the snowy night, and a faint odor of sage and onions came down the chimney.

James Montgomery Flagg.

False Alarm.

THE opera season was at its height. Lady Millicent, carefully adjusting her tiara, had entered the third box on the lower tier.

The manager was in his counting-house counting out his money.

The Prima Donna was in her dressing-room eating throat tablets.

Everybody was waiting for the curtain to rise, when they could talk louder.

Lady Millicent still had on her opera cloak. She had a bosom full of diamonds, that she was determined to spring on the audience.

For a moment she hesitated, and then, throwing aside her cloak, faced the stage.

A cry of "Fire!" rang out immediately. Blinded by the intense glare, several people became panic-stricken.

It took only three minutes for the engines to arrive.

The chief of the fire department directed the hose to be turned on Lady Millicent at once.

Covering her with a tarpaulin, she was then removed to her home.

"Never again," said Lady Millicent,

mournfully, "will I make such a display."





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THE SPIRIT OF THE



"Aperto Vivere Voto."

GODS! give me these:
A friend to love;
A mistress to be worthy of;
Three or four books of stalwart verse,
Austere and terse;
Sufficient food to mend my body;
A pipe, a fuming glass of toddy!
Gods! give me these, and I will write
An "Ode to Duty" every night.

Lee Wilson Dodd.

A Question of Health.

TWO healthy men talked.
"I attribute my condition," said the first healthy man, "entirely to my manner of life. I rise at six every morning, take a cold bath—"

"A cold bath!" exclaimed the second healthy man. "Ugh! It makes me shudder."

"Yes, sir," repeated the first healthy man. "A cold bath—just as the water runs, mind you—and then a light breakfast of milk and toast. After breakfast I walk five miles in very light clothes; in fact, I never wear an overcoat all winter. For dinner I eat a chop, and after dinner another walk of five miles. In the evening I have a plain supper and am in bed by ten. I don't drink and don't smoke."

"Well," said the second healthy man, "that wouldn't suit me at all. I lie abed as long as I can in the morning. Then I get up, dress in a warm room, so as to be thoroughly comfortable, eat a hearty breakfast of buckwheat cakes, fishballs and coffee, and ride to business—for I never walk or take any exercise if I can help it. At noon I eat a big luncheon, and at night I get outside of a six-course dinner. I smoke ten cigars a day and drink what I please."

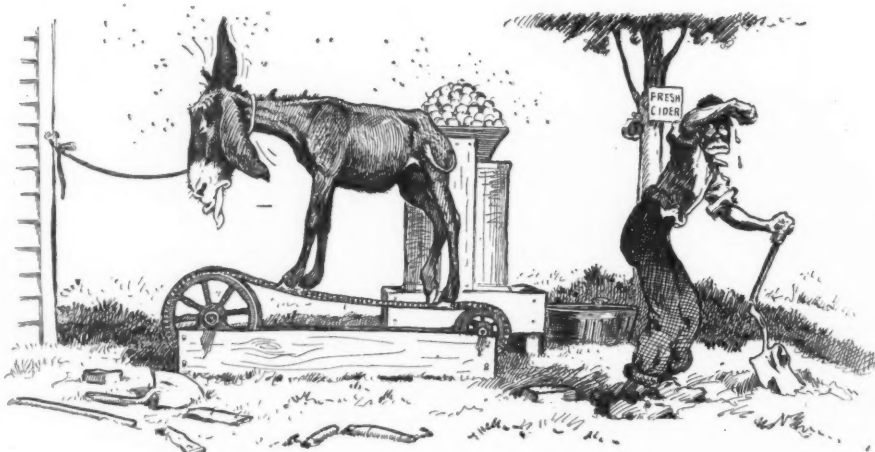
The first healthy man looked at him in amazement.

"How, then," he exclaimed, "do you account for the fact that we are both so blamed healthy?"

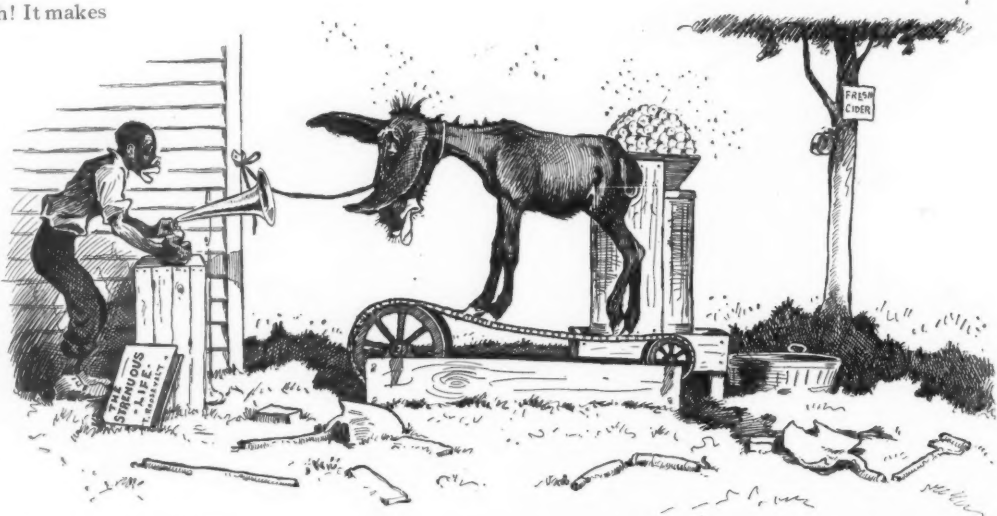
"It must be," said the second healthy man, as he lighted another cigar,



XMAS GREENS.



"BEATIN' DON' MAKE DAT MULE WORK. I GOTTER TRY MORAL PERSUASION."



"DON' LET ME INTERRUPT YO' NAP, SERAPHINA. DIS ONLY A OLE PHONOGRAPH I BEEN A-READIN' INTO FROM DIS FOOL CAMPAIGN BOOK, JES' TO AMUSE MYSE'F."

"because each of us does what he pleases, in spite of the other."

Addison Fox, Jr.

A Compromise.

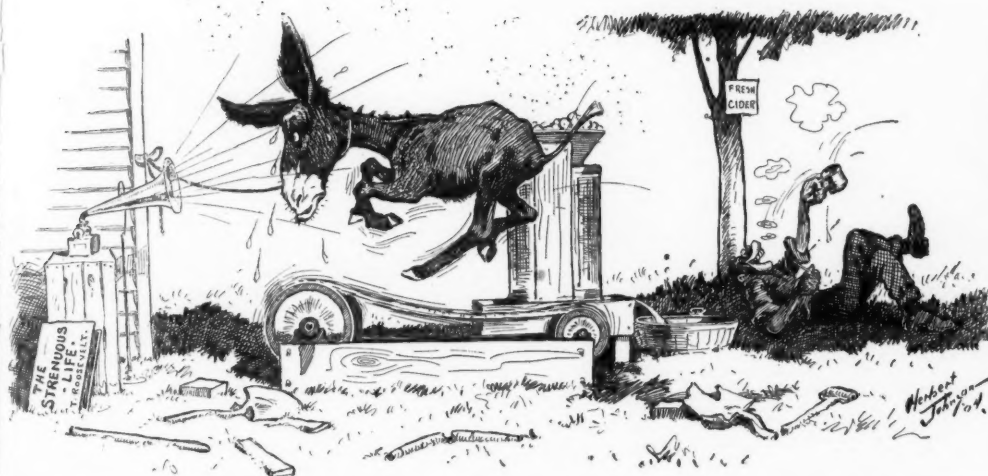
MIRANDA: No, Fred, I won't take the armchair; you take it.

FRED: Er—suppose we both take it.

At the Literary Tea.

MISS SAPPHO: And you haven't said a word about my poem in "The Upper Ten"?

MR. CHOLLY: Aw, beg you' pawdon—gweat, you know—weally, Miss Sappho, I didn't think you could wise to such a—aw!—depth of pwofundity.



"KI! DID IT 'STURB YOU, SERAPHINA? DAT AM A MIGHTY CONVINCIN' BOOK, FOR SHO', I HOPE DE REFORMATION AM PERMANENT, SERAPHINA."

Sonnets of Schooldays.

SONNET OF THE FORGIVENESS.

SHEE duz nott speke too me butt passes bi
with hotty looks ann angur inn hur eye.
shee wil nott rede mi noats to hur ann wenn
i sennd hur flours shee sennds um back agen.
i tride too speke too hur lass nite butt shee
past coaldly bi uz iff shee didd not sea.
ann hennry beamus sez he hurd hur say
ime nuthen butt a worty littul jay.
o luv u are thee swete kream uv ann our
butt o how badd u taist wenn u turn sour.

wenn hennry tolled mee thatt u kood uv nockt
Mee over with a fether ime so shockt
ann hurrt too think thatt sucha gurl uz shee
cood say itt ann foargett wott yoostoobee.
foargett thee daze wenn shee ann i were yung
thee menny menny times wee stood ann sung
inn singen skool. thee munney thatt i spennt
too bi hur kanndy ann thee times we wennt
too dansen partees. o a littul hait
like a bigg sponge wipes luv kleen off thee slait.

butt ile foargiv hur wich is like thee roze
thatt trize too blossom underneeth thee snoze.
ann sumday wenn ime dyen far away
frum hoam ann frends sheel kum too mee ann
say
shee didd not understand wott a bigg hart
i hadd in mee. ittts offle hard too part
too see hur evry day ann passen bi
with hotty looks ann angur inn hur eye
butt eaven iff shee cawled mee thatt, uno
i wil foargiv hur, foar i luvd hur so.

J. W. Foley.

FIRST LITTLE GIRL (scornfully):
We have ancestors.

SECOND LITTLE GIRL: Well, so will
I, some day!

Diary of a Silk Waist.

MONDAY.

MY, but I'm tired! Been on duty
all the afternoon. Some sort of
a tea. I brushed up against more
gushing idiots than I have seen before
in all my life. But then I'm brand
new at the business.

TUESDAY.

Went to the matinee to-day. Some
one who sat behind me said, "Isn't
it fierce?" and I couldn't make out
whether she meant me or the play.
I only know that I was glad to get
home and be hung up.

WEDNESDAY.

Off day. I slept for twenty-four
hours on a hook.

THURSDAY.

I've just been to a literary afternoon
and all the shine has been taken out
of me. I don't know how it happened,
but there's a slight spot on my back,
and every woman there saw it. I
heard them talking to themselves. I
see my finish if this keeps up.

FRIDAY.

Took a gasoline dip to-day, and feel
better. Wonder what will happen to-
night. I've been out in the air most
of the day and am hungry for an
adventure.

SATURDAY.

Last night I was made love to.
He was awfully nice. I got as close to
him as I could, but not as close as I

wanted to. He's coming
again to-night.

SUNDAY.

He has held me in his
arms all the evening. Oh,
what bliss! I never felt
so rumped in my whole
life, but it's worth it in a
cause like this. I saw
him kissing my owner,
but that was only a bluff.
For I feel quite certain
that I am the one he
really loves.

Occupied.

CLARA: Did he pro-
pose to you before or
after he kissed you?

MAUD: I can't tell.
During the excitement I
forgot all the details.

It Depended.

THE MISTRESS: What is your
name?

COOK: Mrs. Jenkins.

"Do you expect to be called Mrs.
Jenkins?"

"Oh, no, ma'am, not if you have an
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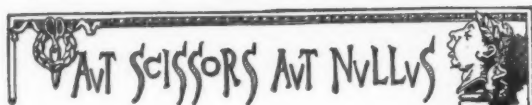
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In places where you little reck
Is the bacillus crass hid,
So fill your flasks up to the neck
With safe boracic acid.

And though she would the favor grant
That means your exaltation,
Before you sip just make an ant-
Iseptic application.

Ah, tortuous is Cupid's course
In these days of much science;
And those who'd not feel dire remorse
Won't set germs at defiance.

Still, when young souls in parlor woo
With gas turned low and glareless,
Ah, sad it is, but it is true,
They're likely to be careless.

—Indianapolis News.

LOVING HUSBAND: I don't see why you complain. Jones spends the best part of his life at the club every day.

FOND WIFE: Nonsense. He is only there for one hour of an evening.

LOVING HUSBAND (sighing): Well, that hour is the best part of his life, anyhow.—London Tit-Bits.



SAID THE ARCTIC EXPLORER: "I KNOW
THAT IT MAY SEEM PECULIAR TO GO
TO THE POLE DRESSED IN LACE;
BUT IT'S NOT OUT OF PLACE,
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APPRECIATION.

To read them o'er I love to pause,
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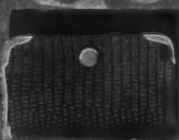
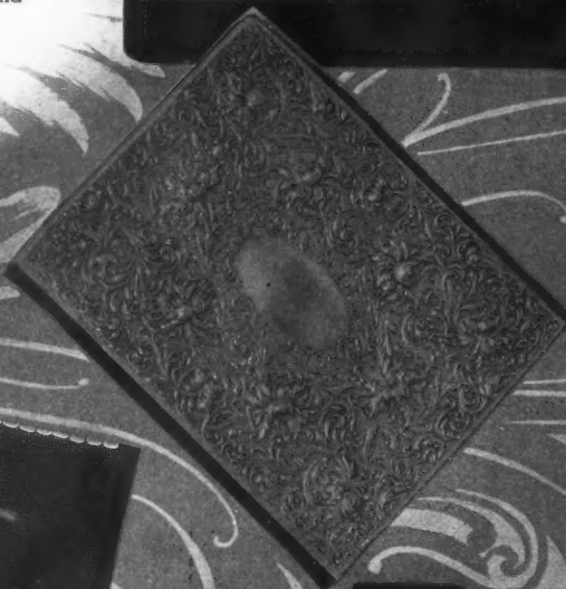
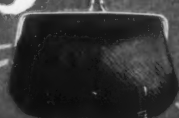
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Inaction had inevitably bred soft habits of life, and the idle crew had given the summer visitors much to joke about. Their satirical comments were rather ungrateful, for the practice drills of the crew were a part of the entertainment of the seaside resort.

Twice a week the crew pulled out the brass cannon, shot a rope over a dummy mast which is set up on a point of land, and then practised sliding down in the breeches buoy. The small boys of the place were glad to play the part of rescued mariners, and altogether this serious drill, required by law, was a pretty holiday sport.

One rainy day, at the appointed time, the crew failed to appear at practice. The summer boarders on the hotel veranda waited in vain for the exhibition which should vary the monotony of a dull day. Finally, one of them went over to the quarters of the crew to learn the reason.

"I say, aren't you going to practise to-day?"

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

"Then the brave life-saver, hero of many rough seas, made an explanatory gesture toward the weather and said:

"What, in this rain?"—*Youth's Companion.*

He Took It Back.

IN a certain town of western Massachusetts two of the most prominent citizens are a Methodist brother and a Presbyterian brother. These are neighbors, and, for the most part, dwell on good terms, except when they try to effect an exchange of horses or to talk religion.

On one occasion the two had traded horses, and although the outcome rankled in the breast of the Methodist, they had met and started a discussion on the subject of predestination. As usual, an altercation ensued, when the Methodist lost control of himself. With mixed emotions concerning horse trades and John Calvin in his mind, he suddenly exclaimed:

"You're a robber, a liar, and a Presbyterian!"

This proved too much for the Presbyterian, and a fight began, in which the Presbyterian got the best of it. As he sat upon his prostrate opponent, bumping his head against the ground, he said:

"Take it back, take it back, or I'll bump your foolish head off!"

"I'll take it back," gasped the vanquished Methodist, "on the first two counts; you're not a robber nor a liar, but you're a blamed old Presbyterian if I die for it!"—*Harper's Weekly.*

Broke It Gently.

FOLLOWING is an instance of New England phlegm:

A raw-boned youth came in from the barn, took his customary seat at the kitchen breakfast-table, and commenced eating voraciously, without once looking up or around at the mother and sisters who poured his coffee and patiently turned "flapjacks" on the griddle. At length, having literally shovelled seven or eight of the huge cakes into himself, he drawled:

"Gre't doin's down to the barn this mornin'. Dad's done hung hisself."
—*Lippincott's Magazine.*

Mixed Types.

SOME years ago the editor of a down-East newspaper undertook to compliment an eminent citizen as "a noble old burgher, proudly loving his native State;" but the neatly-turned compliment came from the compositor's hands, "a nobby old burglar, prowling round in a naked state." This was as perverse and shocking as the blunder in the message Ernest Renan had occasion to telegraph across the English Channel on the subject of a proposed lecture by him in Westminster Abbey. The subject, as written by him, was "The Influence of Rome on the Formation of Christianity." It was announced in England as "The Influence of Rum on the Digestion of Humanity!"—*Saturday Evening Post.*

SHE: My, but Mr. Flaxyman is stingy.

HE: I should say so. Why, 'e wouldn't laugh at a joke unless it was at somebody else's expense.—*Exchange.*

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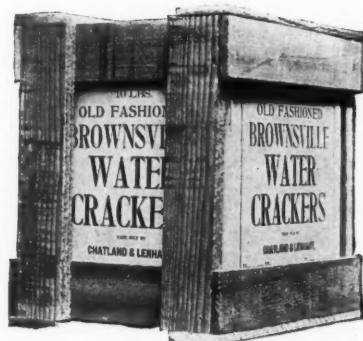
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I—AT A SUBURBAN BREAKFAST TABLE.

WIFE: Don't let your fish get cold, dearest. You can read the paper in the train, you know.

HUSBAND: All right, dear. I wonder whether anything will come of all this correspondence about marriage.

"Oh, are they still going on with that? Of course, nothing will come of it."

"I'm not so sure. May I have some more coffee, darling?"

"Pass up your father's cup, Madge. I think the whole thing's too ridiculous for words. Just as though any woman would consent to be married for seven or ten years, and then be left to look after herself."

"You don't quite understand the matter, dearest. The husband, you see, would make some provision for the wife and the children."

"I should think he would, indeed! Besides, how could the wife be certain of that?"

"Well, the law would insist on it."

"And suppose the separation broke the woman's heart? Would the law mend it?"

"The separation, I suppose, would be by mutual consent as far as possible. In any case, hearts—"

"Rubbish! If the man wanted to go, he'd just go. The whole arrangement would be for the benefit of the man. Trust him to take care

of that! You've spilt something on your pinafore, Madge, dear."

"I'd no idea you felt so strongly about it. You ought to write to the paper and put the matter from the point of view of the wife."

"We won't discuss the question any further, if you don't mind. It's hardly an edifying conversation for Madge, especially when her father makes it so evident that—" [*Rises abruptly.*]

"What's the matter, darling? Don't be silly. I was only joking." [*Rises.*]

"You've only got ten minutes to get to the station. Get your father's hat and coat, Madge."

"I shan't go till you say you forgive me."

"Of course I do, you dear old boy." [*They kiss.*]

II—IN A MEN'S CLUB.

YOUNG BACHELOR: I must say, I think that when a man marries a woman he ought to be prepared to live with her all his life.

OLD BACHELOR: Quite right. Serves him right for being such a fool as to marry her.

YOUNG BACHELOR: Oh, I didn't mean that. I don't look at marriage from the cynic's point of view.

OLD BACHELOR: That means you're in love, I suppose. Every young man is either head over heels in love or a misogynist.

YOUNG BACHELOR: As long as I don't develop into a crusty, selfish old beast like you—

MARRIED MAN: Now, then, what are you two fellows quarreling about?

OLD BACHELOR: We're not quarreling. We're merely congratulating ourselves and pitying you.

YOUNG BACHELOR: We were discussing George Meredith's views on marriage.

MARRIED MAN: But neither of you knows anything whatever about the subject.

OLD BACHELOR: Don't we, though! You forget, my dear friend, that on-lookers see most of the game. In my opinion, no married man should be allowed a voice in this discussion at all. He's sure to be prejudiced. If he signs his letter in the paper, he defends matrimony; if he doesn't sign it, no expression of condemnation is too strong for him. Bah!

MARRIED MAN: The amount of heat that you display makes me suspicious. I believe that, if you could have your time over again, you'd get married like a shot.

YOUNG BACHELOR: So do I.

OLD BACHELOR: You're a couple of fools. What'd you want to come disturbing me just after my lunch for? I might as well be a married man with a large family.

MARRIED MAN: Well, I'll leave you to your cigar and your indigestion. Personally, I haven't time for such luxuries.

OLD BACHELOR: There he goes, boy. Take warning.

YOUNG BACHELOR: By you?—*Keble Howard in London Daily Mail.*

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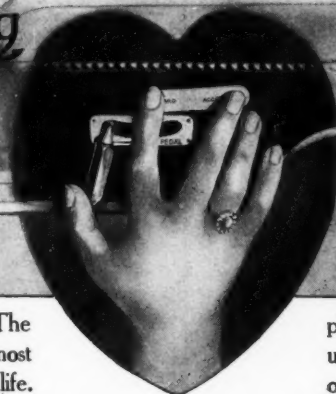
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"Yes-um," said Phenie placidly.

"And you heard me say that it might be that the laundress who comes by the day took them?"

"So she might, missus."

"She did not, Phenie. I have just found six of the missing handkerchiefs in your room."

"You don't say!"

"I do say it, Phenie. And I found my gold bracelet and a pair of my combs in your room."

"Is dat so? Well, well!"

"And my lace fan was in your trunk."

"Huh! Yu shuah it was?"

"I guess I know my own fan when it has my monogram on the handle. Come, now, Phenie, you may as well confess that you took the things. And you a member of the church, too! And you went to communion yesterday, didn't you?"

"Ob co'se I did!"

"Why, Phenie, how could you go to communion when you knew that you had taken those things of mine?"

"Laws, missus! yo' sho'ly didn't reckon I was goin' to let an old lace fan an' a few hankers an' a' ole gold bracelet keep me away f'om de Lawd's table? 'Deed I isn't dat weak a Christian—no, ma'am! Hit'll tek more'n a few little ole trinkets like dat ter keep dis chile erway f'om de Lawd's table!"—*Lippincott's Magazine*.

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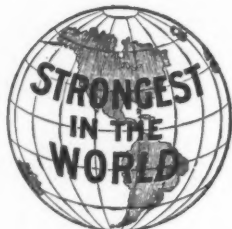
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Three women walking abreast wished to make their exit from Bohemia. The Gatekeeper appeared.

Into their faces he looked searchingly, for no one leaves, even as no one enters, his territory unless he knows whence came they or whither they are going.

"Thy face I know," he said to the first woman, "and yet I place thee not. Thy name?"

"My name is—Impulse," said she, hanging her head in very shame.

"And thou hast come to grief," he murmured pityingly.

"Aye," moaned Impulse. "I have come to bitter grief." Silently she passed out, and walked downward towards the Valley of Pain.

"Thy face as well I know, yet name thee cannot I," he said to her who came next.

The white face, beautiful no longer, looked wistfully into his:

"My name is—Vanity."

"Poor child! and Flattery has been thy ruin?"

The woman shook her head dejectedly.

Censor looked in silence at her.

"Did no one warn thee of this oily Knave?" asked he.

"Experience did. Not once, but many times. Also, 'Keep far from Bohemia,' she said, 'tis not safe for thee.' I would not heed."

Sadly, she, too, passed out, and, as the first, went down towards the Valley of Pain with lowered head and gait of one grown old.

Then turned the old Gatekeeper to the last of the three who wished to leave.

"Oh, I know thee!" he cried. "Thy name is—Cleverness."

"Nay," she protested, "that is but a name man-given. Industry is my rightful name."

"And how," asked the Keeper, "has Bohemia treated thee?"

"Well!" cried the woman. "Always have men acted towards me as real men should. Burdens too heavy for woman's strength have they helped me bear right manfully."

"Hast thou met Laughter?"

"Aye, and her sister, Tears, and both I liked full well. Tears, though sad, oft comforted, and Laughter made tedious work seem play."

"But Flattery?"

"Upon his face I shut my door," laughed Industry.

"And—Bacchus, Bohemia's famous God?"

"None of his vintages have touched my lips. I kept brain-clear."

"And Love?" whispered Censor.

The woman blushed right rosily.

"For Love's dear sake I get me hence—he bids me leave Bohemia, and from thence I go—forever."

As she spoke a majestic form emerged from a sheltered place near the Gate. It was Experience.

"Thou hast heeded my warnings, and so has come to thee, even as I said, both Fame and Love. Thou art well called—Cleverness."

The Gatekeeper opened the gate, and Industry, with eyes alight, also passed out.—*Minna Thomas Antrim in Lippincott's Magazine.*

"I WAS watching the bulletins, when my attention was attracted to two youngsters who were squared off at each other in Queensberry style. While I watched they rolled into the gutter, scratching like cats.

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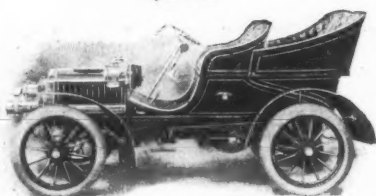
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RURAL ADORER (*weakly*): Why don't you?

PRETTY MAID (*encouragingly*): 'Cause there's so many lookin' on.—*New York Weekly.*

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"Yes, my son."

"What's the difference between a public servant and any other kind?"

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HER: Poor fellow! I had no idea poverty had such a hold on him.—*Chicago Daily News.*

KNICKER: So the Newriches are getting culture?

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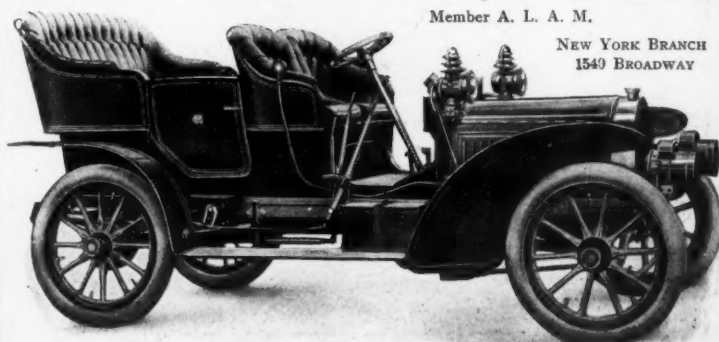
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—W. D. Nesbit in *Chicago Tribune*.

"A La Chasseur."

YOUNG Mrs. Vinton looked over the fence that separates her back yard from Mrs. Hardy's, and her pretty face was troubled, says the *Chicago News*.

"Mrs. Hardy!" she called, softly.

"Yes. What is it?" and Mrs. Hardy's matronly figure appeared in her kitchen door.

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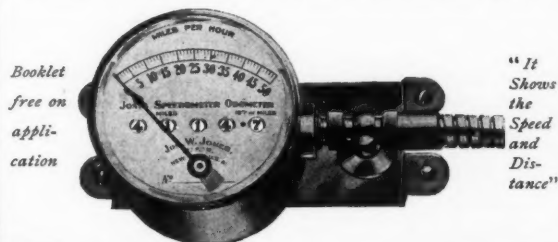


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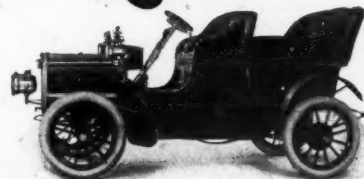
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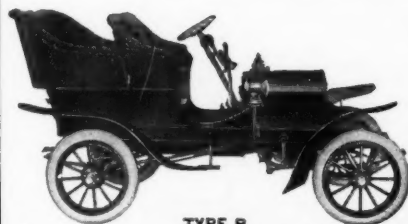
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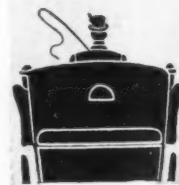
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"'Doctor,' said a voice, 'can you come to Peter Smith's house at once?'"

"'What's the trouble?' I asked.

"'Smith's youngest girl took a dose of laudanum in mistake for paragoric, and we're afraid she'll die.'"

"'All right, I'll come,' said I.

"I tramped three miles through the cold and rain to Smith's. Twice on the way I fell on the icy pavement, and once my hat blew off, and in the darkness I was nearly half an hour finding it.

"Finally, though, I reached Smith's. But the house was dark—shutters all closed—not a light. I rang the bell. No answer.

"But at last a head stuck itself gingerly out of a third-story window.

"'Be you Dr. Doyle?' it said.

"'Yes,' said I. 'Let me in.'"

"'Oh, no need to come in, doctor,' said the head. 'The child's all right now. 'Sleeping very quiet.'"

"'But how much laudanum did you give it?' said I.

"'Only two drops, doctor—not enough to hurt a cat. I guess I'd better take my head in now. The night air is cold. Good-night. Sorry to have troubled you.'"

"I buttoned my coat and turned homeward, trying as best I could to stifle my mortification and anger. But suddenly the window was raised again, and the same voice cried:

"'Doctor! I say, doctor!'"

"I hurried back. I thought the child had suddenly taken a turn for the worse. 'Well, what do you want?' I said.

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—*Detroit Journal*.

IN Columbia, S. C., Senator Tillman is not so popular as he is in other parts of the State, says the *New York Times*. Recently a young Columbian entered the outer office of the city's leading dentist. Coming out to meet his patient the dentist whispered excitedly:

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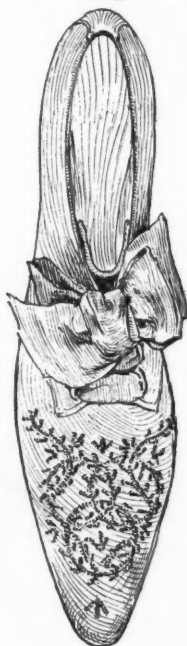


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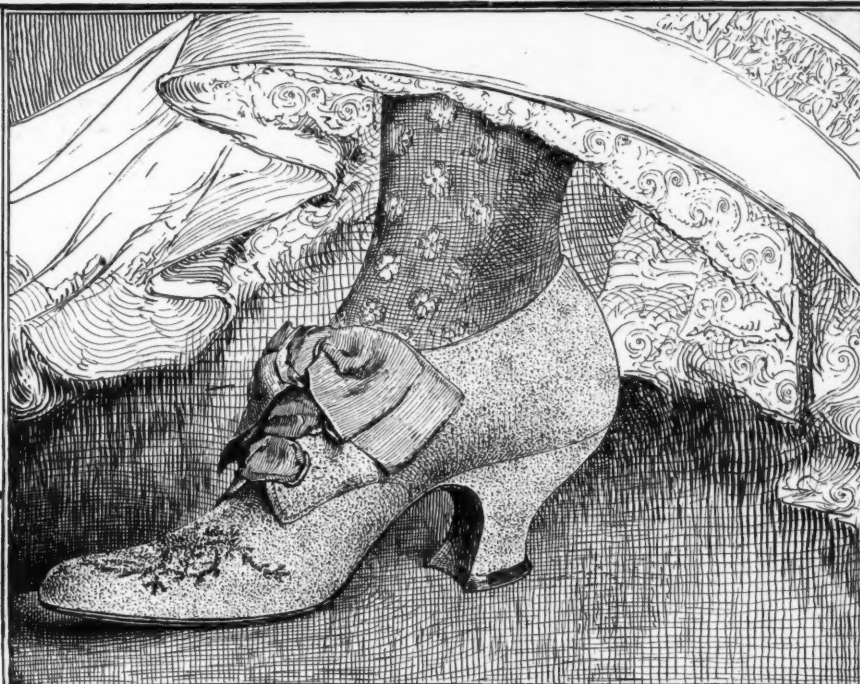
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